

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **April 26, 2005 Work Session**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Lynchburg School Board Candidates Interview Questions**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a list of interview questions for candidates seeking to serve on the Lynchburg School Board.

SUMMARY: At the March 29 meeting, City Council approved a formal interview process for candidates seeking to serve on the Lynchburg School Board. To facilitate the process, City Council agreed to develop a list of questions prior to conducting said interviews. Each Council Member was requested to submit their top three questions, and attached is a compilation of those questions.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

October 26, 2004 – Work Session

March 29, 2005 – Work Session

FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Draft Questions

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SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS
INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

- In an environment of budgetary constraints, it is very important for the school system to use its resources wisely. Please indicate a specific example of where you think the school system might be able to save money. Please also indicate a specific area that is essential and must not be reduced regardless of financial concerns.
- The Lynchburg City Schools serve an increasingly diverse population of students. How do you believe the school system can foster an environment of respect for diversity? Please consider multiple forms of diversity, not only racial differences.
- A recurrent problem for our school system involves closing the "performance gap" between students of varying backgrounds. Do you have any specific ideas about how we might continue to close this gap?
- What would you like to accomplish (if appointed) while you are on the school board?
- Why are you interested in this appointment and what past experiences or interest have you had in education that would assist you in this position?
- How do you feel about our present school system? What are some pros and cons about how the system is doing? If you had to give it a grade, what would it be (on the A to F scale) and why?
- How do you view the duties of members of the school board?
- What are your feelings about a school dress code that includes uniforms?
- Some people believe that a child's self esteem is of greater importance than learning the 3 Rs (Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic). How do you feel about this?
- Do you have children (grandchildren) who are presently in a Lynchburg City school (or have attended in the past)? Have any of your children attended a private school for any period of time...if so, why?